

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 5th November 2013

At 1930

In the Village Hall

PRESENT: M de Pass, M Holden, G Cooper, C Elliott, C Hollinsworth, S Riley, Mrs N Coupe.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: C Sibun, Pc T Herbert

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2013, having been circulated, were approved and signed by M de Pass

CLERK'S REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING TOGETHER WITH
CORRESPONDENCE:

- Request received from Pewsey Parish Council for support on maintenance for the Public convenience and car park – Finance
- Request received from Youth Action Wiltshire – Finance
- Report on the Open Meeting – AOB
- Parish Notice Board to be kept clear for Parish Notices
- Note sent to Highways to remove soil on the open drain next to the Church – update from C Hollinsworth. This work requires a JCB which will do the work when time permits.
- Wiltshire Council no longer supply free waste bins for the Recreation Ground -1 purchased.
- Previous query about Sign Posts for Ram Alley. All signs appear to be present
- Contact from Wiltshire Council about the definitive map showing the incorrect position of Footpath 10 – circulated to Councillors for discussion.

REPORT FROM PC T HERBERT Community Beat Manager Pewsey East

- Apologies given because too busy with crime outside Easton Royal.
- No crime in Easton Royal but non dwelling Burglaries in neighbouring villages.
- Reminder about responsible drinking over the festive period and the increased risk to person if alcohol has been consumed. Know your limit.
- Reports go on to the web site and community boards.

REPORT FROM EASTON ROYAL SCHOOL Nicola Coupe Principal

- The School now has a new sign and as soon as the art work is complete this will be erected.
- The School has bought two '20 is plenty' banners. Two venues needed. One permanent at the top of the road and a second site, initially outside Chapel Cottage, further down the village but this would change during the year to create more impact on drivers. Two posts needed for each sign. C Elliott will erect the one by the Village Hall.
- Open morning for potential new children on 21st November advertised with flyers, a Christmas Craft Fair organised by the PTA as a fund raising event on 21st November in the evening 6-8 pm.
- The school has had a tidy up/facelift over half term
- The PTA has funded protective sheeting for the outside area for Early Years
- The school is very keen to support the village on work on the recreation ground and car park
- At the Open meeting on 1st November 2014, the idea of a Walking Bus was raised. Because the school is so small, it would not be possible to allocate a member of staff to run the Walking Bus. However the School would actively encourage walking to school. If the parents of

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children not living in the village were able to use the car park then this would be a good incentive to encourage walking to school and make more use of the Play Area.

- With improvements to the recreation ground, the school would be able to make better use of this facility. Rutting caused by cars parking on the grass area have previously made this not a sensible option. There may be a need to change the mowing regime and funds may be forthcoming from the school linked with the need to encourage competitive sporting activities.
- Village events planned for July next year. The school has received the dates and would like to participate wherever possible.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO

C Elliott – Footpaths.

- Proposal “To keep open and passable all Public Rights of Way in Easton Royal, seeking for harmony between the rights of the public and the needs and concerns of the landowners and tenants”.
- Actions.
 - Discuss with Wiltshire Council the legal side and what help there is to support the proposal.
 - Discuss with the principal landowners and tenants to discover their concerns and preferences, especially during certain agricultural seasons.
 - Produce a yearly plan for the improvement/ maintenance of the stiles
 - Publish a guide to footpaths in Easton Royal and guidance for their use at the beginning of the footpaths with information about the Country Code and Dogs under control
 - Organise a working party to carry out improvements, such as support sticks to assist the less able to climb over stiles and also to add wire mesh to the treads.
 - Report to Parish Council in May each year for discussion and the opportunity to raise any issues.
 - Send out a questionnaire one year later to gauge the views of the works so far.
- Concern over the addition of an extra step on one of the stiles. It has not been well done and may fail. This will be resolved in due course.
- Footpath 10 Parish Council support the change to the definitive map and this will be conveyed to Wiltshire Council

C Hollinsworth - Highways/Streetscene

- Location of 30 mph and Village signs. Meeting on 8th November 2013 with Highways to discuss the location and issues with hedge and visibility. Concern about the inconsistent use of 50 mph along the B3087 when the Pewsey to Salisbury road (A345) is now 50 mph throughout its entire length.
- The Parish Steward has not been seen for some time because of a sickness and Balfour Beatty have not provided any cover and failed to communicate this. Still to be resolved but may need to take this to the Area Board
- A community day has been booked for 14th November 2013 to undertake the following
 - All signs to made clean and visible to traffic
 - Weed clearance on footpaths

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- Clearance of footpaths
- Any temporary pothole repairs will be carried out with hand patching carried out later on. No schedule is available for hand patching
- Road sweeping and the Unimog will clean out grips and ditches. Request for a Gully Tanker to undertake regular work on the top road and in the dip
- Parish Steward will continue to undertake the regular maintenance where manpower is available and report on issues to be taken further.
- The Parish Steward is still just one man and visits one day a month to each and every parish.
- Wiltshire are planning on borrowing £50,000,000 to sort out potholes
- Decluttering – nothing to de-clutter.
- Community Speed-watch. Two sites have been advised and awaiting approval from the CSW team. Looking for a team of 4 – 6 people to be trained

S Riley Church Liaison

- Cemetery Grant - Request that either Chris Lightfoot or Roger Tilbrook be allowed to make representations in person to the parish council at the appropriate meeting. This was agreed.
- PCC is in discussions over providing a loo at the Church, which may require planning permission
- PCC discussing the state of the footpath leading to the cemetery - moles or rabbits?
- PCC pleased that there is now a link with the Parish Council

Graham Cooper- Village Betterment

- Complete the planting of daffodils on the recreation boundary to enhance the entrance to the village

PLANNING: If Parish Council wish their comments to be registered, the application must be returned to the Clerk before the stated deadline.

The following applications were confirmed at the meeting following initial discussion by circulation.

Existing Applications outcomes

13/02696/FUL April Cottage First floor Extension **Approved**

New Applications since last meeting

13/04311/FUL The Hermitage, Extensions and Alterations **Supported**

13/04966/FUL Avon Cottage Kitchen and Link-(in circulation)

13/05067/LBC Avon Cottage Kitchen and Link-(in circulation)

FINANCE: Proposed by C Elliott and seconded by G Cooper, the following Payments were approved

Bawden	189.14
PlaySafety Limited	81.60
SLCC	63.00
Pewsey Parish Council *	50.00
Youth Action Wiltshire *	25.00
Glasdon	236.72

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Precept

Discussions on whether the precept was sufficient to cover planned expenditure. Reserves held at the moment allow for a cushion in spending.

Defibrillator. Funding for this project will be covered by a grant from the Area Board providing this project is taken on by the village.

Proposed by C Elliott and seconded by G Cooper

	2013	2014
Insurance	400.00	400.00
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Admin incl. Subs	300.00	300.00
Clerk wages	1,680.00	1,775.00
Cemetery Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mowing Rec etc.	950.00	960.00
PlaySafety Insp.	70.00	70.00
Village Betterment	320.00	320.00
Contingency	100.00	100.00
Donations*	125.00	125.00
Car Park Improvements	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total	5,495.00	5,600.00

*Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows donations which will bring benefit to all or some of the community.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Recreation Ground/ Car park update following the Open Meeting of 1st November 2013
At the Open Meeting it was agreed that the Car Park Area for 20 cars be taken forward. The revised cost for this is £2,330. Village also requested removal of the Cricket Pitch and levelling of the Recreation using spoil. The School have certain requests and may be in a position to assist financially but have not given any indication on the level of support. The total cost of the works including VAT is £3,840 but the VAT can be recovered at the end of the year. It was also pointed out that the grass area close to the Choules seat and play area is used extensively for BBQ and other social functions and should be retained. By careful relocation of the area of the car park both the grass area and car park can be accommodated. A meeting with Chris Brennan will be arranged to discuss timings and exact plans.
- Location of 20 mph signs.
One sign will be positioned by the Village Hall and the second sign start at Chapel Cottage but move every six weeks
- Easton Royal Woodland Project.
Request received to remove some dead branches and low hanging branches on the cherry tree to let in more light at the southern end of the Recreation ground. Parish Council support this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 4th February 2014

Future meetings 8th April, 13th May to include Annual Parish Meeting, 8th July and 16th September.

The meeting closed at 9.20